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A KONA WEATHER ROW.

We were sure the south wind would stir things up again and it has, this time with Editor Matheson as the storm center. The circumstances show much meteorological irritation. It seems that Editor Irwin called up Editor Matheson with some sort of a plea for Harbor Commissioner McCarthy, whose attack on Mr. Thurston's Hilo wharf plans had made him persona non grata in the Advertiser office. According to Editor Irwin, Editor Matheson responded in terms which were not kind to Colonel McCarthy's reputation for personal integrity. Colonel McCarthy then called for an explanation and received it—as the crude saying is—"in the neck." Then the latter hid himself to the Harbor Commission, told his stirring tale, and the Board not only expressed fervid confidence in McCarthy, but, with the south wind blowing through its whiskers, "sicked" the Attorney General on Matheson. Whereupon the editor of the Advertiser, with his milk of human kindness curdled in his breast, denied Mr. Irwin's story, called him names, and spoiled an attempted apology to the Colonel by remarking that "an ex-barkeeper should know better than to place too great reliance in any of his former best customers." What the Attorney General will do in his turn may also depend on the state of the weather.

Now let us consider the caste in this drama of human emotions acted under the blighting influence of the "sick wind." When the trades are breezing, Editor Matheson is a young French marquis in the sphere of manners, handsome debonnaire and charming, who wouldn't even make a derogatory remark about the Devil. Colonel McCarthy is as pure in his personal honor as one of the Sistine cherubs, whom he physically resembles. No one could have more flattering mention than Editor Irwin got from Editor Matheson in the Advertiser when he, after he had left that paper, took charge of the Crosswords of the Pacific. The Board of Harbor Commissioners, with the Weather Bureau reporting "fair and clear," has a sense of humor, and the face of the Attorney General puckers into smiles as if a string had been pulled. But look at "em—just look at 'em—after a few kona days! See that grim, reset face of Matheson, with its teeth grown carnivorous; observe the militant aspect of McCarthy, which he never could have got from his militia training; scare yourself by looking over the shoulder at Irwin; consider the Harbor Commissioners, who begin to look like a Jeffreys' trial bench; take a furtive peek at that uncaged hyena, the Attorney General. And all because the wind has changed from the northeast to south.

We may implore in vain, but we beseech you, brethren, to drop the whole subject until the trades come back, when you will all be friends again. If necessary fly meanwhile from the evil that bloweth in the wakeful night watches and smother goodness by noonday. Let Matheson hand over his paper to Johnny Martin, who is weather-proof; let McCarthy seek the kind solution that the Donna grants and let Irwin go on the staff of The Friend for awhile and get cured of what ails him. After that, with settled trades again, there may be a chance for the dove of peace to nestle on the eggs of harmony, at least until the political campaign opens.

HOW TO GET COMMISSION RULE.

About the easiest way to get government by commission, if that is what the taxpayers want, is to give Kuhlö a delegation to do his politics with in the Republican national convention. If the taxpayers are afraid of government by commission, then they will send an instructed delegation for Taft, who is pretty sure to be nominated and, if nominated, to be elected. After that he could be counted on to listen to the wishes of the responsible people here about matters of local government; but once let Kuhlö go to the convention as a visible expression of the tomfool politics he always plays when left to himself, and Hawaii would suffer from it.

We do not think now, as things are turning, that Taft can be beaten either in convention or at the polls. No scandals beset his administration; he is doing the fair thing all around, and the Democratic policy, as shown in the House, is the sort that has generally led Democracy to defeat in the past. In a way, Taft is not a popular party leader, but neither was Harrison or Cleveland. And Taft is quite as acceptable now as he was when elected for a first time. In his case we may count on that tidal wave Republicanism which lies low until about October and then rises to some purpose.

But even if a Democrat were elected President it would not do Kuhlö and his clan any good, because the Democracy is a color-line party, devoted to white rule, and, if given the cue to commission government would introduce it in the "colonies" without hesitating.

So if Hawaii wants it, the easiest way is to give Kuhlö and Ashford what they are conspiring for.

THE DEMOCRATIC SITUATION.

Colonel Watterson of Woodrow Wilson—I had hoped to find him another Tilden but found only a schoolmaster.

Woodrow Wilson, of Colonel Watterson—Colonel Watterson is a nice old gentleman.

Colonel Harvey on Woodrow Wilson—The name of Woodrow Wilson as our candidate for President was taken down from the head of these columns in response to a statement made to us directly by Governor Wilson to the effect that our support was affecting his candidacy injuriously.

New York Press—This parting between the Governor and Colonel Harvey matches the lamentable rupture of friendship between "Will" and "Theodore."

Bryan on Himself—I cannot conceive any condition that would make it possible for me to consider the question of becoming a candidate for the Presidential nomination of the Democratic party in 1912.

The final granting of the Haiku homesteads to a colony of American homesteaders marks the beginning of a very important experiment in these islands.—Advertiser.

Guess again! Our American homestead experiment began at Wahiawa, during the administration of Governor Dole, when a colony of Southern Californians, including Byron O. Clark, Alfred Eames, W. B. Thomas, settled there. The result to those who stuck was the creation of a great corporate industry, an increase of small as well as large farming and the acquisition of useful citizens. This colonization plan was not renewed under Governor Carter but Governor Frear is doing his part with Haiku as one of the results. There will be much more profit by the Wahiawa example if he stays in office and keeps the dummy homesteaders off the soil.

Judge Ballou is in the Navy League and is considered an authority on our war marine, as he has made it an intelligent study for years. But the Judge is in Washington to represent the planting interests of Hawaii and those interests are averse, not only to a war in the Pacific, but to propositions which tend to stir up the Japanese cane-workers here. So when Judge Ballou speaks as a Navy League man so as to inspire larger appropriations for battleships, he is apt to forget that he may, by the same token, tempt the planters to make smaller appropriations for special agents. The friends of the Judge are in hope that he will resign from the Navy League at least until the actual coming of war makes superior demands of him as a patriot.

Zapata, who is making trouble in Mexico, is a product of Madero's own revolution. He is a brigand who got his chance in the turbulent time which Madero opened up and he did not feel like leaving off when Madero won. His followers are of the same class, which Diaz held down so long and which Madero raised to a revolutionary status. Zapata likes the game and will stay in it as long as it pays him to do so or as long as he escapes the halter.

Walt Mason The Poet Philosopher

I slide in the icy gutter and fracture a neck or knee; and I would that my tongue could utter the thoughts that arise in me. So many of us, in the lofty scheming stand 'round in the mart and talk; what profits their rosy dreamings if perilous is the walk? Come forth from your hall or hovel when slick is the earth with sleet, and do with a wooden shovel your stunt on the public street; cease pushing through your mustaches your views on the course of Taft, and sprinkle the walk with ashes, for that is the wiser graft. My neighbors will stand debating the worth of the income tax, while out on the walks are skating poor souls on their heads or backs. I don't care a whoop if Teddy or Woodrow or Bob should run; it's snowing again already, and I shall remove a ton of snow with my good old shovel, and sprinkle the ice with salt, that no one may fall and grovel and swear at the name of Walt.

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WALT MASON.

Kuhlö's remark that "the Asiatic situation is serious" is all that the Associated Press quoted on the subject. The rest is padding.

Employers will be alone to blame if labor union politics is added to the other pests that afflict this Territory.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

MARSTON CAMPBELL—No automobiles will be allowed on the government wharves in future.

FRANK B. MCSTOCKER—Anyone who backs a newspaper, gets the worst end of the stick in the long run.

E. C. PETERS—We have been waiting for a full bench to give the decision on the banana case, which will decide the injunction. As soon as Justice Perry returns the case will be submitted.

DR. MARSHALL—It was highly commendable of Dr. Hawhurst to vaccinate all the passengers on the Shinyo Maru immediately he came across that suspicious case of sickness. Luckily it was not smallpox.

CAPTAIN FOSTER—Oil gets into the harbor from some of the cars that are left standing on the railroad tracks. I traced a two-inch stream for a hundred feet, and then saw it drop through a crack into the water.

ALABAMA MITCHELL—I am introducing patent medicines now that are the real thing. They are warranted to cure bookworm, sorehead, pipe, housemaids' knee, tuberculosis and the tobacco habit. Ask me for a sample bottle.

PURSER CAVALRY (Shinyo Maru)—I think the passengers by the T. K. K. boats always appreciate being able to spend a full day in Honolulu. This time we will be here practically twenty-four hours, as we do not leave until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

DR. RAMUS—I think that it is a fine thing for anyone to learn two languages at least. If parents had their children taught another language besides their native language, it would be very helpful to the child in

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THINKS HAWAII

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turns on the outlay we make."

Small Promotion Fund Surprises.

During the interview it was mentioned that the Hawaii Promotion Committee has never had an income exceeding \$20,000 per year and generally about one-fourth less than that sum, which brought out expressions of almost incredulous surprise from the visitor. "It seems impossible that you should have accomplished what you have on that amount," declared Mr. Stewart more than once during the conversation. "The work of Hawaii in this direction is known everywhere, and it is certainly a surprise to me to find that you have done it for so little. I had no idea that you were spending less than \$100,000 a year."

The Philippine Islands have spent considerable money at various times in advertising their resources, but up to recently there has been apparently a lack of system, together with a lack of sustained income for the work, in consequence of which the results attained have not been entirely satisfactory. Now, however, as Mr. Stewart states, it seems well assured that about \$100,000 will be available annually. At the present time a fund of \$70,000 is available for this year's work, and he thinks that \$100,000 will be spent during the year.

How Manila Gets Money.

The system of raising this income, as Mr. Stewart explains it, is interesting. It has come about through the getting together of the Philippine government and the various chambers of commerce of the islands, of which there are quite a number, associated in a way through the Manila Merchants' Association. The government has agreed to meet, dollar for dollar, any sum that the commercial interests are willing to spend for promotion work.

A system of a voluntary tax has finally been agreed to, by which all merchants pay into the publicity fund one-fiftieth of one per cent of the amount of their gross sales during the year.

"Besides this," continued Mr. Stewart, "there are many private contributors for various amounts. For in-

stances, Governor Forbes has personally given \$1000 toward this year's work, the firm of Castle Bros., Wolfe & Sons, \$1500, and there have been quite a number of similar contributions, besides many of smaller amounts.

Taxation in Manila.

"This one-fiftieth of one per cent is in addition to the general merchandise tax of one-third of one per cent of sales, levied by the government on all mercantile enterprises for the general revenues of the islands. This system of taxation takes the place of license fees, there being no such in the Philippine Islands. There is, of course, a realty tax, but not on personal property represented by merchandise stocks. There is an exemption of \$10,000, I believe, in collecting this business tax."

Philippines Misrepresented.

Mr. Stewart states that the islands have been misrepresented in many ways, and he hopes to correct some of the prevalent impressions during his present trip. That the Philippine Islands are a financial burden to the United States he declares he is prepared to refute, as well as erroneous ideas concerning the weather condi-

tions and opportunities for investment.

1915 Exposition.

Mr. Stewart, while in Washington, expects to use his best efforts toward securing from Congress a suitable appropriation for a building at the Panama-Pacific exposition. It is his idea that, while asking for funds sufficient for separate buildings, Hawaii, Alaska, Porto Rico and the Philippines should stand together in pressing the matter upon Congress.

Mr. Stewart is the director of prisons for the Philippines and is making his present trip under leave of absence. Last year he was director general of the great Manila Carnival, which he declares was the most strenuous job he ever undertook. The carnival this year, now in progress, he states, will excel that of any previous year.

M'CARTHY AND IRWIN DISCUSS

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charge, but I found that only he and Mr. Irwin were aware of what passed through the telephone. I then took the only course left me, and brought the matter to the attention of the board of harbor commissioners.

"The affair is up to the attorney general now, and he will investigate the whole matter."

E. P. Irwin was also seen by a Star representative. He stated that Matheson did tell him on the phone that McCarthy was crooked, and that the senator had been bought in connection with the Hilo wharf matter.

"As to the reason for my leaving the Advertiser, it was on account of an article that I wrote for the Pacific Monthly magazine. I was warned that I was in danger of being 'fired' and half expected the axe to fall when it did. Since then Matheson has sent for me and offered me a job on the Advertiser."

At yesterday's meeting of the harbor commissioners Mr. Wakefield spoke in scathing terms of the morning paper, and declared that business should be kept from it. McStocker said that he was glad he was not in politics as he was sure he would get it food and hard.

Colonel McCarthy's friends are thorough in their belief in his integrity and he is receiving many messages of sympathy.

Complaint Not Entered.

Attorney General Lindsey stated this morning that, up till noon, no request had been made to him to investigate the matter of the charges against Charles McCarthy, that were alluded to yesterday at the meeting of the harbor commissioners.

The attorney general said that the first he knew of the matter was when he read the afternoon papers. He would await some notification from the commissioners.

The chairman of the board of harbor commissioners, Marston Campbell, stated shortly after noon today that he had been so busy during the morning that he could not take the matter up with the attorney general.

Mr. Matheson's Statement.

The editor of The Advertiser did not say that Colonel Charles J. McCarthy of the Board of Harbor Commissioners had been bought in connection with the recent agreement between the commission and the Hilo Railroad Company, nor does he believe or have the least reason to suspect that Colonel McCarthy or any other member of the board was bribed. Consequently, the tremendous showing of virtuous indignation on the part of Messrs. McCarthy, Herolt and Wakefield at yesterday's meeting of the board was entirely superfluous, except for what political effect it was supposed to have.

The basis for Colonel McCarthy's indignation at the present time appears to be a statement made to him by E. P. Irwin, editor of a local weekly, who had been discharged from this paper for general unreliability and too frequent intoxication. On Wednesday night, Irwin called up The Advertiser by telephone and began to urge the support of McCarthy politically, apparently doing his best to carry out one of McCarthy's errands. The impression gathered by the editor of The Advertiser was that Irwin had been drinking and the conversation, so far as the editor of this paper is concerned, was ended as soon as possible.

Within five minutes after Irwin had

ring off, Colonel McCarthy, very mad, called up and announced that he "would make it hot for The Advertiser editor and dared this paper to publish 'what you told Irwin about me.'" After other threats on the part of Colonel McCarthy, he explained what he was talking about. The editor of this paper did not care to explain over the telephone to a mad man that what a drunken man had told him was not the truth, and McCarthy was told to go as far as he liked. Yesterday morning, Mr. Henshall, of The Advertiser staff, was asked to see Mr. McCarthy and assure him that his indignation was based upon a mistake. This Mr. Henshall did, but McCarthy had too good an opportunity to publicly announce his virtue and fight his straw man, adding a few misrepresentations of his own to those supplied by his henchman, Irwin.

As for the motion that the attorney general investigate "the charges" against the harbor board, that is nonsense, thrown in to make a good measure for the public.

A HINT.

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